

# The High and Mighty Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, &c.

The Manner of his Arriual at the Spanish Court, the Magnificence of his Royall Entertainment there: *His happy Returne, and hearty welcome, both to the King and Kingdome of England, the fifth of October, 1623.* Heere liuely and briefly described, together with certaine other delightfull passages, obseruable in the whole Trauaile.



**N**O longer let sad dolours darke your eyes,  
No longer feares your doubtfull hearts surprize,  
Leade gazing on each other, o're the Land,  
As if the Countries state were at a stand:  
The solitary night is past away,  
Succeeded by the glorious light of day,  
Which brought the brightfull Sunne, againe to reare  
His rayes about our *Brittish* Hemisphere;  
That now the Land, which thirty weekes did mourne,  
Dries her tear'd face, and finds her ioy returne.

## *His Departure, and Iourney.*

This griefe did growe (without a fain'd pretence)  
Vpon departure of our gracious Prince;  
Whose often perils, mixt with trauaile-paige,  
And oft distempers which he did sustaine,  
Both on the Sea, and that huge tract of way,  
That in a hundred forty \* stages lay,  
While to, and through the very heart of *France*  
He past, deferu'dly doe his fame aduance.  
In morning of the *Spring* he 'gan to goe,  
And made it *Winter* here, which was not so;  
Whose *Winters* visiting vs now againe,  
Makes vs new *Spring* of gladnesse entertaine.  
On *Marche's* seuenth day, to *Spaines* Courtly aire  
Vnto *Madrid* was made his first repaire;  
Where both our Kings <sup>b</sup> Embassadours, on knee,  
With wonderment him welcom'd heartily;  
With whom he priuately himselfe repof'd  
Till to that Monarch there, he was disclos'd.

## *His Entertainment there.*

His Comming knowne, the Maiestie of *Spaine*,  
That euer to his Highnesse did maintaine  
Royall respect, him graciously saluted,  
And as his <sup>c</sup> Second Selfe the Prince reputed;  
Yielding large Quarter, and the Courtliest place,  
With store of Nobles to attend his Grace:  
Who from all <sup>d</sup> coasts (as their Lords will imported)  
Eight hundred of the chiefeest there resorted:  
These struing, prest with seruiceable loue,  
Themselues euen as his Leigemen still to proue:  
Deuising often <sup>e</sup> Masques, Tilt, Tournament,  
Barriers, Flights, Chace, each thing to cause content;  
Sparing no cost, exposing (the greatest treasure)  
Their persons to assault (to shew him pleasure)

Fierce <sup>f</sup> Bulls, vntam'd, vntide: nor was this all;  
*Spaines* Soueraigne held himselfe a <sup>g</sup> Festiuall,  
To Honour *Englands* Heire, t'adorne which, were  
The Queene, and faire *Infanta* present there.  
Ne're Prince such liking, so much grace accrewe,  
Both of King, Nobles, Gentry, Multitude:  
And this for sixe moneths stay. But leauing these,  
Haste we to see'em vpon, and past the Seas.

## *His Returne, Arriual, and welcome.*

Bidding the King, his Court, these sports adiew,  
T'embatke at *Biscay* shore he strait withdrew,  
And waited long to meete a luckie wind,  
At last, his wish was answered to his mind:  
Heau'n proues propitious, winde his loue imparts,  
Drawne by the prayers, driu'n by the sighes, from hearts  
Of thousands here: So thence he forward set,  
And *Portsmouths* Port, in seuen daies faile he fet.  
But being arriu'd, no tongue can halfe expresse  
The ransht Countries wondrous ioyfulnesse,  
The Peoples clamour, Trumpets clangor, sound  
Of Drums, Fifes, Violls, Lutes, these did abound;  
Loud Cannons thundring from the Castels, Towers,  
And Ships, shooke Ayre and Earth, all to their powers,  
Poured healths of wine for welcome; Bels were rung,  
Bonafires were kindled, fire-workes each-where flang:  
Yet's not enough high fires in streets to frame,  
Vnlesse the fire of zeale your hearts enflame;  
And that in Churches Psalmes of thanks be singing,  
As well as in the Steeples Bells a ringing.  
Yee' haue pray'd, your prayer's heard; now this is done,  
Laud God, and loue your King, and Kingdomes Sonne.

## *His arriual at London, his welcome to the Court, with the generall Applaudite's of all the People.*

Yet louingly his louing mind he shewes  
To *London*, where his Subjects loue bestowes;  
Some for meere ioy, burning their whole estate;  
That *Brittaines* Prince might not find them ingrate:  
All shew'd their loues, all did forbear to mourne,  
When *Englands* Ioy, with ioy did safe returne.  
Thus did he haste to see his Fathers Court,  
Where thousand hearts with Ioy did free resort,  
To giue their best of welcomes: *Englands* Deare,  
Was ne're more welcome; when their Heart was here,  
That Heart, that dead did lay so many hearts,  
When he from *Brittany* so freely parts,

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Did with his sight reuiue those hearts againe,  
Which his long absence hath a long time slaine.  
The Royall *Cesar* of *Great Brittaines* Ile,  
Did entertaine his Sonne; a gracious smile,  
And blessing he vpon his head doth powre,  
Reioycing at that happy ioyfull houre.  
*Brittaines* chiefe Deare did thus embrace his Deare,  
Iust in the forme you see pourtraied here.  
Then since all count these dayes the happy dayes,  
To Him that makes man happy, be the Praise.

These Notes, with their directory letters, are  
here inserted, for the better explaining some  
of the Verses, and Story.

<sup>a</sup> His Iourney by Land, consisted of 141. Stages, here in *Engd*  
*Land, France, & Spaine*; some of them containe at 8 or 10, some  
12 or 16 miles in length; so that the computation of the way  
that his Highnesse rode poste amount to about 1100. miles.

<sup>b</sup> The Lord Digby, Earle of *Bristol*, Embassadour extraordini-  
ary for the Kings Maiestie; and Sir *Walter Aston*, Leiger there.

<sup>c</sup> For the King of *Spaine* appointed him halfe his Guard, and  
a most sumptuous Quarter in the Court, for his residence; as also  
caused him to ride in Triumph through *Madrid*.

<sup>d</sup> The Catholike King, because other triumphes were prepa-  
ring, sent mandatory letters about. especially to the Principall  
Nobility of *Aragon*, that they should come and giue attendance at  
the Court, vpon the Princes pleasure, because they haue the re-  
putation to be excellent men at Armes.

<sup>e</sup> Of which Masques, the most magnificent, was on Easter  
day last. presented by the Lord Admirall of *Castile and Leon*, in  
celebration of our most Illustrious Princes Arriual there; where-  
in the King also was thought to haue bene an Actor.

<sup>f</sup> It hath bin, and is a custome of that Countrey, at some great  
solemnities, for their Noblemen, as Dukes, Earles, Lords, and  
others of best note, to enter the lists, and maintaine combat  
with Lances, Targets, Swords, and Darts, against loose furious  
Bulls, in which they exercise their Courage and abilities, some-  
times not without danger; and as they merit, purchase estima-  
tion. This was performed at *Whitfontide*.

<sup>g</sup> That Festiuall before mentioned, was made by the King of  
*Spaine* at *Madrid*, the 21 of August last, 1623. to honour the  
Espousall Treaties of Prince *Charles*, with the Lady *Infanta Ma-  
ria* of *Austria*; and the maner was by darting with Canes, after  
the vse there.

And this may suffice for a brieve, yet plaine description of our  
Noble Princes sudden Iourney thither, his Royall entertainment  
there, and most happy Returne hither, and wel-come home a-  
gaine: To Gods glory, and the exceeding ioy and comfort of all  
true loyall hearted Subjects.

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